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Staff meeting.

Lunch at the Department.

I talked to Ed Martin at length this afternoon about the possible future shape of foreign aid legislation.

At 3:30 we had a large meeting of lawyers representing various companies in the oil cartel suit. The following lawyers attended:

Standard Oil Company of California

John T. Cahill
John F. Sonnett
William M. Sayre

Socony-Vacuum Oil Company, Inc.

George S. Leisure
Goldthwaite H. Dorr

The Texas Company

S. A. L. Morgan
O. J. Dorwin
J. J. Wilson

The California Texas Oil Co., Ltd.

A. E. Van Dusen
Leo T. Kissam

Standard Vacuum Oil Co.

Fowler Hamilton
Warroch Wallace
George Collins

They made the same request to the State Department as that previously made by the legal representatives of Standard Oil of New Jersey, namely that the State Department should undertake the approaches to foreign governments in order to obtain the documents called for by the subpoena issued by Judge Kirkland of the U. S. District Court for the District

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of Columbia. Messrs. Emmerglick, Welsh and Freeman of the Department of Justice, and Messrs. Fisher, Metzger and Linder of this Department attended the meeting. It was arranged that all those present with the exception of myself would go over tomorrow to see Judge Kirkland at ten o'clock to discuss certain aspects of the procedures outlined at the meeting this afternoon.

I have taken no part, because of my interest in stock of two of the American companies having interests in the Near East, in any of the substantive questions involved in this suit. I have confined myself to acting on behalf of the Secretary in receiving the many lawyers who come here to ask the Department's assistance in dealing with the procedural matters involved in this case.

Commander Edward Rawlins, who was a classmate of mine at the Gilman School, came in this afternoon to ask me to try to have delivered to the President for his personal attention a letter from his 82-year-old mother requesting that the Commander be made a Captain in the Navy.

We had a dinner tonight for the Harrimans. The others were the Phil Grahams, the Blair Childs, Kay Halle and Clayton Fritchie.

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